

Preliminary Amendment
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REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends original Claims 3-7, 9-12, 15-16, 18-19, 21, and 23-25 to produce new amended claims that are not multiply dependent in order to reduce official fees. Once examination on the merits has begun, the Applicants may elect to amend newly amended Claims 3-7, 9-12, 15-16, 18-19, 21, and 23-25 to make these claims multiply dependent or to add additional claims to this application to provide coverage similar to, broader than, or narrower than the present claims.

This Preliminary Amendment also deletes original Claim 26 because it is an omnibus claim.

Respectfully submitted,



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 Our Ref.: B-5121 621011-6

Please replace original Claims 3-7, 9-12, 15-16, 18-19, 21, and 23-25 with new amended Claims 3-7, 9-12, 15-16, 18-19, 21, and 23-25, which are set forth below.

3. (Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the processing means and database are operable to receive occasion-specific data from the worker specifying the modes of communication available for selection by a visitor.

4. (Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein available modes of communication specific to given remote locations are pre-specified and stored in the database and, in use, the processor is configured to interrogate the database to obtain the available modes of communication corresponding to the remote location specified by the worker on that occasion.

5. (Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 1, being secure such that a visitor or unauthorised person cannot edit the data specifying the worker's remote location or the available modes of communication.

6. (Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the processing means and database are configured to require a correct password to be supplied in order to enable editing of the data specifying the worker's remote location or the available modes of communication.

7. (Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising a data communications interface for communicatively connecting the device to a data communications network.

9. (Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the data communications interface is adapted to receive data over an authenticated network connection only.

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10. (Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 8, wherein the data communications interface is adapted to transmit data to a specified address only.
11. (Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 8, wherein the specified address is hard coded into the device.
12. (Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising a telephone communications interface for communicatively connecting the device to a telephone communications network.
15. (Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the specified telephone number is hard coded into the device.
16. (Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 12, being responsive to dual tone multi-frequency tones, said tones being interpretable to enable the remote worker to edit the data specifying the worker's remote location or the available modes of communication.
18. (Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the possible modes of communication are selected from a group comprising: e-mail, telephone call, video conference, fax.
19. (Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises user-selectable regions corresponding to possible modes of communication with the worker.
21. (Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises a touchscreen area.

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23. (Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising a communication device selected from a group comprising: a microphone, a speaker, a telephone handset, a video camera.

24. (Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 1, configured to display a video image of the worker working in his remote location.

25. (Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 1, adapted to synchronise with calendar software on the remote worker's computer and thereby automatically update the information specifying the remote location of the worker.

Please cancel Claim 26 as filed without prejudice or disclaimer.

26. (Deleted)

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3. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any preceding Claim] Claim 1, wherein the processing means and database are operable to receive occasion-specific data from the worker specifying the modes of communication available for selection by a visitor.
4. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any preceding Claim] Claim 1, wherein available modes of communication specific to given remote locations are pre-specified and stored in the database and, in use, the processor is configured to interrogate the database to obtain the available modes of communication corresponding to the remote location specified by the worker on that occasion.
5. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any of Claims 1 to 4] Claim 1, being secure such that a visitor or unauthorised person cannot edit the data specifying the worker's remote location or the available modes of communication.
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9. (Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 7 [or Claim 8], wherein the data communications interface is adapted to receive data over an authenticated network connection only.

10. (Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 8 [or Claim 9], wherein the data communications interface is adapted to transmit data to a specified address only.

11. (Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 8 [or Claim 10], wherein the specified address is hard coded into the device.

12. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any preceding Claim] Claim 1, further comprising a telephone communications interface for communicatively connecting the device to a telephone communications network.

15. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any of Claims 12 to 14] Claim 12, wherein the specified telephone number is hard coded into the device.

16. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any of Claims 12 to 15] Claim 12, being responsive to dual tone multi-frequency tones, said tones being interpretable to enable the remote worker to edit the data specifying the worker's remote location or the available modes of communication.

18. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any preceding Claim] Claim 1, wherein the possible modes of communication are selected from a group comprising: e-mail, telephone call, video conference, fax.

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